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For: **METHOD OF REMOVING COATINGS FROM PLASTIC ARTICLES**

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**SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION**

Sir:

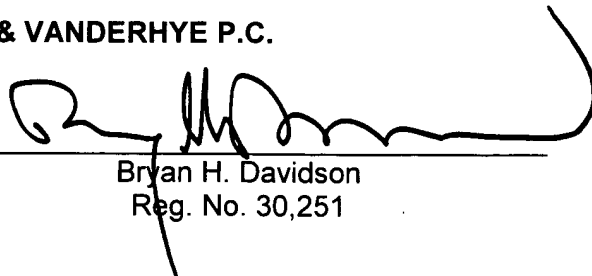
As a supplement to the applicants' responsive Amendment dated October 4, 2005, there is attached hereto an Inventors' Declaration Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.131 which has now been executed by Mr. Lawrence E. James. Specifically, following submission of the amendment dated October 4, 2005, Mr. James was located and his execution of the Rule 131 Declaration was obtained. As such, the Petition Under Rule 47 filed on October 4, 2005 has been mooted.

An early and favorable reply on the merits of this application is therefore awaited.

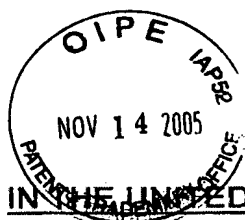
Respectfully submitted,

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**INVENTORS' DECLARATION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.131**

The undersigned, **Mark W. Waldrop, Michael J. KILLIAN and Lawrence E. JAMES**, hereby jointly declare and state that:

1. We are the same individuals who are named coinventors of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the above-identified application.
2. The subject invention as claimed in the above-identified application was completed in this country prior to October 23, 2001, as evidenced by Laboratory Notebook No. 19961-4, a date-redacted copy of the relevant page from such laboratory notebook being attached hereto as Exhibit A.
3. Specifically, the attached Exhibit A evidences "Paint Removed Completely" from a coated nylon part when treated with a formulation containing 90% NMP (i.e., N-methyl pyrrolidone) and 10% HCl (i.e., hydrochloric acid).
4. All of the events noted in the attached laboratory notebook page of Exhibit A occurred in the United States of America prior to October 23, 2001.

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5. We declare further that all statements made herein of our own respective knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Date Signed

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Oct. 30, 2005

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Lawrence E. James

Lawrence E. JAMES

Subject: Dear Handle 25 KHz Crest Ultrasonic Bath Paint Removal Test #4

Investigation No. 19961-4

Project No. 4C038

Date ..

Value transferred from flask No 19961-4

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Objective: Remove paint from the part with 25 KHz and formulation 90% NMP / 10% HCl

Target:

Complete -

Components

#4

Part

(19961-4-254-9)

(3)  
Initial

1000.0

50.5

(2)  
Final

85.4

50.2

pulled for 3% Nylon

0.6 g removed

Conditions

Time

Temperature

Comments

0745

24

part # 254-9

1000

70

used foil covered glass flask

1300

85

Placed part in blend and flask in bath

1320

85

Paint completely removed.

Removed Part wiped with paper towel rinsed, knock off excess water - took final weight. Pull in 2oz solvent 3% Nylon 66

Time

Temp. C

Comments

1505

70

initially 50.9 part Solvent = 100% available

1510

85.9

ultrasonic on.

1545

70

Paint removed completely

Components

Final

Solvent

57.1

pulled

19961-4-254-20

58.2

50.9

Removed

Water rinsed Crest Bath 5 times then allowed to soak.

Rose Atkins

Mike Miller

EXHIBIT

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